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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional)	
FY 2005		175-0002US	
<i>(Fee pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818))</i>			
Application Number 10/619,535		Filed 07/11/2003	
For Multiple Degrees of Freedom Connectors and Adaptors			
Art Unit 2833		Examiner Edwin A. Leon	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.			
The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
	Fee	Small Entity Fee	
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450	\$225	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020	\$510	\$ 510.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.			
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50192(175-0002US). I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.			
WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.			
I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.			
<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.			
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).			
<input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number _____			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.			
Registration number if agent under 37 CFR 1.34 49,000			
Signature		Date	
Sean McDermott		Jan 14, 2005	
Typed or printed name		Telephone Number	
		832/446-2416	
NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total of 2 forms are submitted.			

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Appl. No. : 10/619,535 Confirmation No.: 7506
Applicant : Tavis D. Schriefer
Entitled : Multiple Degrees of Freedom Connectors and Adapters
Filed : July 11, 2003
TC/A.U. : 2833
Examiner : Edwin A. Leon.

Docket No. : 175-0002US
Customer No. : 29855

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REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 07/16/2004 AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of July 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- I. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- II. Remarks In Response to the Office Action begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Appl. No.: 10/619,535
Amdt. dated January 14, 2005
Reply to Office Action of July 17, 2004

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application. Should any fees be due for any reason, the undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 501922/175-0002US.


To facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion, reconsideration, and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Jan. 14, 2005


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Effective on 12/09/2004.
Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).**FEE TRANSMITTAL**
For FY 2005☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 1115.00

Complete if Known

Application Number 10/619,535

Filing Date 07/11/2003

First Named Inventor Tavis D. Schriefer

Examiner Name Edwin A. Leon

Art Unit 2833

Attorney Docket No. 175-0002US

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify):☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 501922 Deposit Account Name: Wong Cabello et al.

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☒ Charge fee(s) indicated below☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17☒ Credit any overpayments

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200	100
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Multiple dependent claims

360	180
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
51	20 or HP = 13	25	325.00

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
4	3 or HP = 1	100	100.00

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
100	100	2	500	500.00

4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Three-Month Extension = \$610.00 and Supplemental IDS = \$180.00

Fees Paid (\$)

690.00

SUBMITTED BY

Signature

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Date January 14, 2005

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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Substitute for Form PTO-875

Application or Docket Number

10619535

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	minus 20 =	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	minus 3 =	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.

SMALL ENTITY

OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
	\$ _____
X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL	

RATE	FEE
	\$ _____
X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL	

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	1-14-05	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	51	Minus	38	= 13
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	4	Minus	3	= 1
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

SMALL ENTITY

OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ 25 =	325 ⁰⁰
X \$ 100 =	100 ⁰⁰
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	425 ⁰⁰ Pd.

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT B		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))		Minus		=
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		Minus		=
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))		Minus		=
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		Minus		=
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ _____ =	
X \$ _____ =	
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TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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